



Texas Parks & Wildlife Television

2012-2013 Season

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October 24 & 27

Program #2101

Hueco Tanks, Rock Art Reborn

When it comes to rock art, Hueco Tanks, east of El Paso is in a class by itself. Unfortunately over the years, some of the pictographs have been damaged by graffiti. But now a new type of laser technology is about to turn back time. It's a laser light show that wipes away the graffiti but doesn't affect the pictograph underneath. Tune in to see as Hueco Tanks rock art is reborn.

Lone Star Land Steward: Cook's Branch Conservancy

Nearly half a century ago, George and Cynthia Mitchell set aside 5,600 acres for a family gathering place. Over time, the family took more of an interest in the land, largely because of one small bird, the endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker. The Cook's Branch Conservancy is the 2012 winner of the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award for Texas, the state's top honor recognizing wildlife conservation on private land as part of Texas Parks and Wildlife's Lone Star Land Stewards.

Wild Game Cooking: Grilled Venison

Take the gamey flavor out of wild game. Wild game cooking expert Jesse Griffiths shows how to grill venison to tender perfection and then dress it up with a tasty cream sauce.

Oasis of the Kingfisher

If you've ever been out in the woods and you're dive bombed by a brightly colored bird, you may have encountered the elusive kingfisher. Texas is the only place where all three variations of this bird can be found.

Postcard From Texas

Matador Wildlife Management Area is a sprawling area of red dirt hills and lots of wildflowers. It's also pretty windy much of the time.

October 31 & Nov. 3

Program #2102

The Gulf Wardens

For the folks tasked with enforcing fish and game laws along 350 miles of coastline, going to the office can mean heading out to sea. Climb aboard with the Texas Game Wardens who patrol offshore to protect the state's precious Gulf resources.

Parks & Wildlife People: Wildland Fire Team

2011 was as bad as it can get when it comes to wildfires in Texas. From Bastrop to Possum Kingdom, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildland Fire team answered the call. We hear from the firefighters themselves on how the team handled one of the most devastating wildfire seasons in the state's history.

Lone Star Land Steward: Gibson Ranches

55,000 acres is a lot of land, especially when you are trying to get rid of entrenched cedar and restore native grasses. For ranch owners Mike & Shonda Gibson, this never-ending endeavor 'gives them something to do.'

I Love a Mystery

Kids at Texas A&M's SeaCamp solve mysteries using biology, chemistry, and physics. Their lab experiences are paralleled with the work done in the "real world" by TPWD's Forensics group in San Marcos.

Postcard From Texas

Despite getting hammered in recent years by a couple of hurricanes, Martin Dies Jr. State Park is full of wildlife.

Nov. 7 & 10

Program #2103

Final Port of Call

The ship was christened the Queens and was built to invade Japan during WWII. Then she became one of the world's first air conditioned cruise liners. Then Texas A&M University acquired her and she became the training vessel the Aggie Clipper. Now she rests on the ocean floor off the Texas coast as an artificial reef and as a scuba divers adventure destination.

Rafinesque's Big-eared Bats

Get an up close look at a bat few folks ever get to see. We travel to east Texas and visit the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, to catch a glimpse of the rare Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat.

Lone Star Land Steward: Wexford Ranches

This 30,000 acre ranch complex has been managed by the O'Connor family for 136 years, with one constant management goal, to enhance and maintain the land, wildlife and livestock for the benefit of future generations.

Tracing a Texas River

The Guadalupe River travels from the Hill Country to the coast. This river has everything from trout to tubers. See how land managers, park rangers, research teams and game wardens help define one of Texas' most popular rivers.

Postcard From Texas

Wildflowers on a windy day at the Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Nov. 14 & 17

Program #2104

A Tale of Two Laurens

We head to Bay City, Texas for a weekend goose hunt with the ladies. For some it's a first time experience, and for others it's a weekend break from the family. No matter the reason, if you get a group of ladies together with some guns and geese... it's going to be a blast.

Parks & Wildlife People: Stephanie Rubio

At Indian Lodge in Davis Mountains State Park, Stephanie Rubio often works behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. But on one particular spring day, Stephanie is called to the front lines and proves she is cool under fire.

Lake Arrowhead State Park

Close to the Red River in both location and hue, this North Texas park offers family fun and fine fishing.

An Ocean Oasis

When the Aggie Clipper sunk off the Texas coast in 2007, Texas Parks & Wildlife hoped they would be creating a new home for lots of sea life. What they didn't know was just how fast the sea life would take to this artificial reef. And more than the ecology of Texas is benefiting from this sunken ship, the economy in South Texas is being helped as well.

Postcard From Texas

Discover ancient dinosaur tracks at, you guessed it, Dinosaur Valley State Park.

Nov. 21 & 24

Program #2105

Native Texan Duck

Most ducks migrate through Texas, but the Mottled Duck stays here all of its life. That makes it a good indicator species for the health of wetlands. Follow a graduate student as he follows the movements of these ducks utilizing banding and radio transmitters.

Lone Star Land Steward: Colonel Burns Ranch

Restored native grasses once again cover the Colonel Burns Ranch near Brownwood. Paul Burns, a retired doctor, cares for the land as he would a patient, and he has orchestrated a landscape recovery now seen in the thriving plant and animal life and in the springs that flow again across the ranch.

Wild Things: Black Capped Vireos

Get an up close look at the endangered Black-capped Vireo. We travel to Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge during nesting season for these birds.

A Day at Pedernales

Pedernales State Park is no different than any other park – too much stuff to do and not enough people to do it. But thanks to a group of volunteers, the work gets done and park visitors are the ones who benefit. You'll meet some of these "park helpers", and find out why they are so incredibly enthusiastic about doing work that can at times be a little mundane.

Postcard From Texas

Bison roaming Caprock Canyons State Park at sunset.

Nov. 28 & Dec. 1

Program #2106

Hunting Dogs 101

Dogs may be 'man's best friend' but it's certainly a bird hunter's most essential ally. We see how different breeds accomplish various tasks to help hunters find their quarry and insure that little is wasted in the field.

Davis Mountains State Park

This park sits atop the most extensive mountain range in Texas. At six thousand feet, it offers a one of a kind experience. And when your day is done, there's no need to leave the park--stay at the recently refurbished Indian Lodge.

Lone Star Land Steward: Double H Ranch

East of El Paso, on the edge of the Chihuahuan desert, sits a ranch that had been prickly, pointy, and plum tuckered out. But for the Horak family things are changing on this ranch that's a labor of love.

Crazy About Birds

Meet the birding Brothertons of Daingerfield, Texas. Birding is more than just a hobby for this family, it's a passion. Follow along as they look, listen, and laugh together at the Great Texas Birding Classic.

Postcard From Texas

Indian Lodge is more than just a comfortable place to stay in the Davis Mountains. This pueblo-style lodge, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, is also a scenic place to take a swim, or to sit and watch the birds fly and the clouds roll by.

Dec. 5 & 8

Program #2107

Caribbean Connection

It may not seem obvious, but there is a connection between the fish and coral life off the coast of Cancun, Mexico, and the coastal life along the shoreline of Texas. Follow scientists investigating the similarities between the ocean life of Texas and our neighbor to the south.

Lake Whitney State Park

This park is an ideal place for water enthusiasts and campers alike. With a huge 16,000 acre lake, park visitors never run out of things to do: swimming, scuba diving, fishing, water skiing, bird watching, with biking, hiking and mini-bike trails.

Outdoor Info: Sighting Your Rifle

Sighting your rifle before you go out in the field can save you a lot of headaches, and help make sure you're hunting humanely.

D Day +50

D-Day marked the turning point in World War II. It was also a turning point in the lives of those who were there. Visit with some of the veterans of the Battleship TEXAS as they get together to relive old memories, and rekindle old friendships.

Postcard From Texas

A rare snowfall at Pedernales Falls State Park.

Dec. 12 & 15

Program #2108

Gardens of the Gulf

There's a 'flower garden' in the Gulf of Mexico, and it's 60 feet underwater. Learn what the Flower Gardens are, what research scientists are doing at these coral reefs, and why we should be concerned about the garden's health.

Parks & Wildlife People: Chris Holmes

Brit Chris Holmes has found a home in Texas, and it's usually in a state park. Don't let the accent fool you, he's all Texan and proud of it.

Abilene State Park

Abilene State Park has a reputation as a "gathering place." It's where families and friends get together for reunions, holidays, and companionship. We'll meet some of these people and find out why they come back here, season after season, year after year.

Fishing With Your Piers

Meet some fishing peers while fishing off of one. With piers up and down the Texas coast, you don't need to own a fancy boat or to even get your feet wet to enjoy saltwater fishing.

Postcard From Texas

Enjoy an airboat ride through the marsh at J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area.

Dec. 19 & 22

Program #2109

Lion Country

Mountain Lions were once found all across the state. Today they exist only in small numbers in the desert mountain region of the Trans-Pecos. Travel with a group of biologists to Big Bend State Park as they track, tag, and study this elusive cat.

Atlanta State Park

The Caddo Indians were attracted to this site because of its proximity to water. That's true today for visitors to Atlanta State Park. Located on the shores of Wright Patman Lake, this popular camping spot is known for its rolling hills and towering trees. It's a great place to catch some cats; catfish that is.

Hooked on the Coast

The Texas coast is home to some of the finest sport fishing in the country. Follow along and see why anglers from all over are hooked on the coast.

Postcard From Texas

Kids discover some interesting spiders at Lake Livingston State Park.

Dec. 26 & 29

Program # 2110

Young Guns

There's a crisp bite in the air on a cool December morning. The mist covers the pond, as pintails fly overhead. It's duck hunting season. Join us as we follow two boys as part of a special hunt just for youngsters.

Wild Game Cooking: Teal on the Grill

Wild duck is the ultimate free-range bird. Regional cooking expert Jesse Griffiths demonstrates an easy recipe for grilling teal to complement its natural flavor.

Parks & Wildlife People: Irma Sanchez

When wildfires threatened the Davis Mountains State Park, Irma Sanchez jumped into action. She led the evacuation of guests and park personnel at Indian Lodge. Just another day in the office of this dedicated employee.

The Butterfly Palace

There's a place in Houston that recreates a tropical rain forest, not for people, but for butterflies. At the Cockrell Butterfly Center, watch as crawling caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies.

Postcard From Texas

Buffalo in the snow.

Jan. 2 & 5

Program #2111

Big Wind, Big Questions

Texas leads in the country in wind energy production, and with this new energy source there are new questions. What will wind farms do to the already fragmented habitat here in Texas, and how will they affect the birds that live and migrate through our state. We look at the Panhandle wind farms and their effects on the threatened lesser prairie chicken.

Lone Star Land Steward: Roxanne Hernandez

In the wake of 2011's devastating wildfires, Roxanne Hernandez has earned the admiration and trust of local landowners and worked tirelessly on their behalf for wildlife habitat conservation and recovery of the Houston toad.

Pedernales Falls Bike Trails

Pedernales Falls State Park is known for, well, the waterfalls. The bike trails may be lesser-known, but they offer a great way to discover the park.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program has been funding conservation for 75 years. Find out how you contribute to these important projects.

Postcard From Texas

A summer day in Davis Mountains State Park includes a spectacular sunrise, seeing some wildlife, and watching the weather evolve above the mountains.

Jan. 9 & 12

Program #2112

Coastal Conflicts

Texas leads in the country in wind energy production, and with this new energy source there are new questions. What will wind farms do to the already fragmented habitat here in Texas, and how will they affect the birds that live and migrate through our state? Head to the coast to see how wind farms use radar technology to spot migrating birds coming their way.

Parks & Wildlife People: Wildlife Permitting Team

From deer breeding to wildlife rehabilitation, the Wildlife Permitting Team helps Texans who work with wildlife stay on the right side of the law.

50th Film History

As the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department celebrates its 50th anniversary, we open the vaults to some old films that showcase the history of the agency.

Fairfield Lake State Park

Convenient to Houston or Dallas, Fairfield Lake State Park has beautiful campsites for that quiet getaway in the country, abundant wildlife, trails galore, and world class fishing. People return again and again to test the waters and relax in the wooded campgrounds of this East Texas park.

Postcard From Texas

Wildlife in the hills and mountains surrounding El Paso wildlife.

Jan. 16 & 19

Program #2113

Room to Roam

Caprock Canyons State Park holds the last remnants of pure Southern Plains Bison that exists in North America. Once numbering around 60 million, now there are only 80; the history of how they came to live at the state park, on their native historic land is a long one. Because of the hard work of a few individuals, these Bison live on.

Parks & Wildlife People: Shawn Gray

In West Texas, biologist Shawn Gray tackles a sudden problem with pronghorn populations. In doing so, he helps build a partnership with private landowners, academics, and other concerned citizens, who rally to support the cause.

Gateway to the Desert

Witness the creation of the Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center near Terlingua. We'll follow the creative process from beginning to end. It takes a lot more work than you'd ever imagine.

Big Spring State Park

Stop and see why travelers have long enjoyed this birds-eye view of Big Spring.

Postcard From Texas

A different view of Texas landscapes.

Jan. 23 & 26

Program #2114

Adventure Racing

Extreme sports fans are finding Texas state parks to be ideal settings for a new brand of outdoor athletics. And park managers have discovered many reasons to host these triathlons-with-a-twist.

Parks & Wildlife People: Ronnie Sladek

Known as the man who turns trash into cash, Ronnie Sladek takes old game warden trucks, boats and other equipment and puts them up for auction. He's the man who will connect you with that perfect treasure whether it be a water tower or your very own paddle boat.

Cedar Hill Bike Trails

Just minutes away from Dallas, Cedar Hill State Park has a set of trails fit for all levels of mountain bikers. One reason riders find the trails so bike-friendly is the cyclists themselves build and maintain them.

Billion Dollar Bats

Bats are reviled by some, and treasured by others. The more we learn about bats the more we appreciate them. Follow some scientists as they study the economic impact of bats through the use of radio telemetry and thermal imaging.

Postcard From Texas

A cloud of acrobatic birds surrounds a bridge over the Trinity River, undoubtedly a colony of swallows. A closer look beneath the bridge reveals a bustling bird city of mud nests, baby birds waiting inside, and busy bird parents bringing home the bacon.

Jan. 30 & Feb. 2

Program #2115

Working Down Under

Exploring the depths of Texas' artificial reefs, documenting species of fish and coral, and monitoring the health of our reefs – these are all in a day's work for Dr. Brooke Shipley-Lozano and Chris Ledford of the TPWD Artificial Reef Program. These two are fortunate enough to make the undersea world of the Gulf of Mexico their office.

Parks & Wildlife People: John Taylor

How do you make sense of millions and millions of pieces of data about people, wildlife, plants and places? Just ask John Taylor of the Inland Fisheries Department. He takes piles of different kinds of data, combines them, processes them, and delivers new information about the natural things and places in Texas that help TPWD better serve the hunters, anglers and boaters of Texas.

Franklin Mountains Bike Trails

Get ready to actually ride your bike in the mountains, the largest sustained mountain range in Texas, in fact! From downright nasty single track to some easy open riding, Franklin Mountains State Park has some of the best mountain biking trails in the state.

The Virtual Bat

Bugs bugging your corn? Scientists in the 'Wintergarden' area near Uvalde are developing a sound system that mimics the calls of feeding Mexican free-tailed bats. These researchers are attempting to disrupt the infestation of valuable farm crops by hordes of insect pests.

Postcard From Texas

Artificial reefs attract a wide variety of fish and coral life just off our Texas coast.

Feb. 6 & 9

Program #2116

Stewards in Waiting

The Wexford Ranches have been in the same family for 136 years. Meet the next generation as they prepare to cope with the long-term economic challenges threatening their large family ranch.

Bat Caves of Texas

We all know bats are good for the environment and they're fascinating to watch. But where can you go in Texas to see these wonderful creatures? Take a tour of the Texas bat caves and see.

Outdoor Info: Intro to Geocaching

Looking to get out and explore Texas? Try geocaching, a modern-day treasure hunt played by millions of fans around the world. Learn how to get in on the game. We'll show you what you need to get started.

Biking Big Bend

Carry extra water and pack some spare tubes. It's worth the trouble to hit the trails of Texas' mountain biking Mecca, Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Postcard From Texas

Grasses and reeds combine to make an interesting outdoor tapestry.

Feb. 13 & 16

Program #2117

Feral Hogs

The threat of feral hogs to Texas agriculture and ecology looms large. Hunters and trappers have long aided landowners in keeping wild pig populations in check, but the problem may be growing too fast for traditional means to stop. To provide another tool for farmers and ranchers, research is being conducted that could offer a new kind of protection from this feral pig plague.

Wild Game Cooking: Feral Hog Tacos

Wild hogs are a nuisance but they sure are tasty if cooked right. Wild game chef and cookbook author Jesse Griffiths turns these wily beasts into a melt-in-your-mouth south Texas classic.

Texas Paddling Trails

There are new paddling trails popping up all over Texas. Grab your canoe and come along as we check out some of the state's best river trips. All you need is a paddle and an excuse to get wet.

Outdoor Info: Geocaching State Parks

In addition to scenic views, Texas parks have hidden caches. Take your park experience to a whole new level with geocaching. If you do it correctly, you'll leave no trace of your search and the game plays on.

Postcard From Texas

Recently restored rock art at Hueco Tanks.

Feb. 20 & 23

Program #2118

Restoring the Pines

Hurricanes have taken a heavy toll on several East Texas state parks. We'll visit Martin Dies, Jr. and Village Creek State Parks to see how they are coming back from the loss of native trees.

Sauer-Beckman Farm

Photographer Earl Nottingham takes a look at the daily life on the Sauer-Beckman Farmstead.

Wyler Aerial Tramway State Park

Looking for an Alpine adventure but closer to home? Take a ride on a Swiss-made gondola and take in the view from atop Ranger Peak. The Wyler Aerial Tramway takes West Texas sightseeing to new heights.

Running of the Bass

Freshwater anglers all across the state look forward to the annual spring run of White Bass. When the conditions are right, the fishing is easy. When the conditions aren't right, the anglers just have to work a little bit harder.

Postcard From Texas

Blooming bluebonnets signal springtime on the Colonel Burns Ranch, where bunch grasses grow and clear waters flow.

Feb. 27 & Mar. 2

Program #2119

Working on the Mountain

Being a biologist is more than counting plants and animals, it's a way of life. Travel to West Texas and spend a day working on the mountain with one of those dedicated and driven individuals.

Tommy Martin, Fishing Hall of Famer

Tommy Martin began guiding on Sam Rayburn Reservoir in 1968 and fished in his first tournament the following year. He turned pro in 1972 and won the prestigious Bassmaster Classic just two years later. Martin helped found Texas Black Bass Unlimited, a conservation organization that played a key role in developing the Texas bass fishery into the best in the nation.

Resaca de la Palma State Park

With its 1,700 semi-tropical acres, Resaca de la Palma comprises the largest tract of native habitat in the World Birding Center network. Etched by the ancient curves of the Rio Grande River, this state park is a quiet birding retreat on the outskirts of the City of Brownsville.

Texas Jellies

Most people see jellyfish as ugly blobs of goo looking for innocent swimmers to sting. But in reality, jellyfish are beautiful, delicate creatures. They also make a tasty low-calorie snack.

Postcard From Texas

A litany of little animals.

Mar. 6 & 9

Program #2120

Playing the Turkey Game

Hunting turkey in Texas can be like a game of chess; it's all about making the right moves. Follow along as a group of hunters gets out-smarted by these elusive gobblers again and again.

Lone Star Land Steward: Arroyo Veleño Wildlife Coop

Since 2001, the families of the Arroyo Veleño Wildlife Management COOP have been working together to manage habitat, conduct wildlife surveys, attain harvest recommendations, control exotic animals, provide hunting opportunity, and maintain a diversity of native wildlife.

Bentsen-Rio Grande State Park

One of the newer additions to the Texas State Park System is the World Birding Center at Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park. This park is among the premiere birding destinations in South Texas, where visitors get the chance to see some of the 500 different bird species found throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley. From the guided tram tour, to remote bird blinds, to the new hawk tower, this park offers excitement for the first time birder all the way to the skilled pro.

50th Film History

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Postcard From Texas

Flying high above the Texas coast.

Mar. 13 & 16

Program #2121

Secrets of a Barrier Island

Take a trip across Matagorda Island, and learn all about barrier islands, their geology, ecology, and how they protect the Texas coast.

Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery State Historic Site

On a bluff overlooking the Colorado River near LaGrange sits a monument to the fallen heroes of the Republic of Texas, and the remains of one of the first commercial breweries in the state. A short nature trail connects these two historic sites that explore equally interesting aspects of Texas history and culture.

The International Pursuit

The once-maligned carp is emerging as a sought-after sport fish, and anglers are coming to Texas from around the world just to catch them. Tag along as we hit the Texas carp hotspots, Lady Bird Lake in Austin, and Lake Fork near Dallas. Yes, the same Lake Fork that's known for monster bass is now famous for its monster carp as well.

Postcard From Texas

Rolling on the rivers.

Mar. 20 & 23

Program #2122

Casting Call

How do you get kids out of the house, and away from the television? It is a concern for all parents. Texas Parks & Wildlife has a new neighborhood fishing program that may help. In cities throughout Texas local lakes and ponds are stocked with fish so the kids are sure to get a bite, and hopefully they'll get hooked on the outdoors.

Lonnie Stanley, Fishing Hall of Famer

Lonnie Stanley, owner of Stanley Baits, Inc., started building jigs in 1979 after winning a tournament on Toledo Bend Reservoir with one he'd made. In 1980 he founded Stanley Lures, manufacturing jigs, spinner baits and other products. While continuing to build jigs in his garage in College Station, he won six more tournaments in 1980 and 1981. Stanley also co-hosted ESPN's "Sportsman's Challenge" television series for 18 years.

Stephen F. Austin State Park

Nestled on the banks of the Brazos River, Stephen F. Austin State Park provides the opportunity to get up close to nature. Located just 30 minutes from the outskirts of Houston, this quiet and peaceful park is a nice escape from the busy city life with activities including picnicking, camping, fishing, hiking and nature and historical tours.

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Postcard From Texas

Aerial photography of Texas landscapes.

Mar. 27 & 30

Program #2123

Busy at Bastrop

The restoration of Bastrop State Park after it was devastated by fire has the park returning to its very roots. In the 1930's, the Civilian Conservation Corps restored the forest and built the roads, trails and buildings that made up the park. Now a new crew is helping with restoration and erosion control, supplying the park with the kind of labor and energy that only a corps of young people can.

Cleburne State Park

White limestone bluffs and dense trees surround Cedar Lake, the centerpiece of Cleburne State Park. The small lake is just right for canoeing, swimming and fishing. Located southwest of Fort Worth, Cleburne is an ideal retreat from city life.

The Unknown Army

The Buffalo Soldiers helped settle the west, but for many years their contributions were largely overlooked. Meet one man who is determined to teach this often forgotten chapter of history to today's eager students.

Postcard From Texas

Big mountains and flat plains come to life.

Apr. 3 & 6

Program #2124

Tracking the Dinosaurs

Researchers study the hidden lives of Texas dinosaurs through the use of both cutting-edge technology and old-fashioned scientific method through the analysis of their prehistoric tracks. Dinosaur Valley State Park has some of the best preserved dinosaur tracks in the world, and this group is working to keep it that way.

Parks & Wildlife People: Jeff Sparks

2011 was as bad as it gets when it comes to wildfires in Texas. From Bastrop to Possum Kingdom, the Parks and Wildlife Wildland Fire team answered the call. Meet the man who helped manage the team.

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Pedernales Falls State Park

The crystal-clear Pedernales River winds its way through limestone hills wooded with scrub forest of oak and juniper. Pedernales Falls State Park is one of the closest hiking areas to Austin and San Antonio. And you don't want to miss the beauty of the falls.

Postcard From Texas

Natural abstracts in nature.

Apr. 10 & 13

Program #2125

The Firefighters

Now more than ever Texans realize the importance of skilled firefighters, as 2011 was one of the worst wildfire years on record. See what it takes to be a on the frontlines as part of Parks and Wildlife's Wildland Fire Team.

Wild Game Cooking: Redfish 3 Ways

This isn't your same old fish fry. Regional cooking expert Jesse Griffiths demonstrates 3 different ways to fry redfish for a fresh twist on this crowd favorite.

Barton Warnock Center

Barton Warnock Visitor Center near Lajitas serves as the eastern visitor center for Big Bend Ranch State Park. Here you can experience the archeological, historical, and natural history of the Big Bend region.

The Guide

Ever hear an angler say 'Man, I'd love to be a fishing guide'? It may sound like a lot of fun, but it's really a lot of work. Brian Duplechain spends over 300 days a year on Lake Fork trying to hook his clients up with some of the lake's famous lunkers. Spend a day with Brian and see just what it takes to be a successful fishing guide.

Postcard From Texas

Nature looks a little different when viewed up-close. Another kind of beauty is revealed in the smaller details so easily overlooked.

Apr. 17 & 20

Program #2126

Alligator Gar

Alligator gar are among the largest freshwater fish lurking in Texas lakes and rivers. But because gar have not traditionally been seen as sport fish, much about them has remained a mystery. That is beginning to change, however, as anglers seek them out. New research is revealing more information about the gargantuan gar, and these misunderstood monsters of the deep are starting to get some respect.

Parks & Wildlife People: Cherie O'Brien

Coastal ecologist Cherie O'Brien has been working for years to restore marshes in Galveston Bay. But she hasn't done this alone. Meet Cherie and some of the people that have been helping her on these long term projects.

Blanco State Park

This park was used as a campsite for early explorers and settlers. Today people come to enjoy the swimming, tubing, and canoeing in the Blanco River.

Black Bears of Black Gap

A husband and wife research team from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department conducted a 3-year study of Black Bears in the desert of West Texas. Follow along as the encounter bears in some unusual places.

Postcard From Texas

Biking the Franklin Mountains can be tough, but the view is worth the work.